

## IF NOT THE GREEN BELT, THEN WHERE WILL PEOPLE LIVE?

It is not just a matter of supply. There are solutions that do not involve finding more land for homes.

- There are 300,000 planning permissions outstanding in London, enough to meet targets for several years.
- There are 4,500 empty homes in Enfield alone.
- The Government, London and local council all have a brownfield first policy. Enfield has enough brownfield for 30,000 homes. Brownfield sites are generally closer to existing infrastructure and amenities, such as public transport, and developing them regenerates blighted areas.
- Building the right homes in the right places allows for movement. For instance, there are few places in Enfield for older residents to downsize to. This means that larger homes are not available for growing families.
- Reform of the private rented sector would go a long way to freeing up homes for families. Rent controls and regulation would ensure that people can live with security
- An end to Right-to-Buy would avoid further loss of social housing stock

All of the above are more likely to provide affordable accommodation for people who need it now, than any new town or other development on the Green Belt, which could take decades to provide any affordable housing – if ever.